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1. THERE NO REPORTS OF DEATHS BY VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND IN PAST 24 HOURS ALTHOUGH YOUNG MAN WHO "FRIEND" OF PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN DIED OF BULLET WOUNDS FROM ATTACK ALLEGEDLY MADE BY MEMBERS OFFICIAL IRA IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR. TWO BUSINESS PREMISES BOMBED NEWRY FEB. 18, TWO BRITISH ARMY PATROLS CAME UNDER FIRE IN SOUTH ARMAGH AND REPUBLICAN CLUBS (OFFICIAL SINN FEIN) SOCIAL CENTER BOMBED BELFAST NIGHT FEB. 18. THERE NO CASUALTIES REPORTED IN THESE INCIDENTS. IT UNDERSTOOD FRANK STAGG FUNERAL NOW SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY FEB. 22 AND PROVISIONAL IRA MAY BE RELATIVELY INACTIVE UNTIL FUNERAL OVER.

2. ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS (UFF) HAVE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR MACHINE GUNNING CATHOLIC BAR CLAUDY (REFTEL). UFF IS OUTLAWED FRINGE PROTESTANT PARAMILITARY GROUP WHOSE MEMBERS CLAIM BE BREAK-AWAYS FROM ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION.

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3. DELEGATION THIRTY LOYALIST POLITICIANS INCLUDING IAN PAISLEY, ERNEST BAIRD AND UNNAMED MPS FORCED WAY THROUGH SECURITY GATES AT STORMONT CASTLE FEB. 19 IN ATTEMPT CONFRONT A NORTHERN IRELAND MINISTER WITH DEMANDS FOR IMPROVED SECURITY MEASURES IN PROVINCE. ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY SERGEANT SUFFERED DOUBLE BREAK OF ARM IN INCIDENT.

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